

El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Mailing address: **3769-B San Pablo Dam Road, ES, 94803**

We meet on: **2nd Wednesday** of the Month at **7:00 P.M.**

Location: **Richmond ELKS Lodge #1251**

3931 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante

The ESMAC is an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors

Chair: Xina Ash **Vice Chair:** Tom Lang **Secretary:** Tom Owens

Members at-large: Jim Hermann, Andrew Chahrour, Robin Tanner

Alternates: Dr. Melinda McLain, Joe Sarapochillo

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AGENDA for Wednesday, May 8, 2019

7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for ESMAC 4-10-2019

Treasurer's Report – James Lyons, District Coordinator, Office of Supervisor John Gioia

Introduction of Speakers/Guests/Topics

P.1 Presentation by Sheriff's Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Joseph Buford

Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

P.2 Presentation by California Highway Patrol

Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

P.3 Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire

Questions – limit 2 minutes per speaker

P.4 Presentation on illegal dumping issues – 1) by Brian Balbas, Contra Costa County Public Works Director to discuss the efforts of the County's Illegal Dumping Taskforce and 2) by Mikki Norris on neighborhood strategies

P.5 Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, monthly report

Public Comment – for items not on the agenda

Limit 2 minutes per speaker

Discussions Items – The Council will consider and act on the following:

DI.1 – Development plan applications, variance reports, building modification requests, appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Conservation and

Development Department and Notices of Public Hearings.

Short Discussion Items

SDI.1 Report from El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee

Information Items

10.1 – Planning Commission meeting held April 24, 2019

10.2 – Notice of Cancellation for Planning Commission Meeting on May 8, 2019

10.3 – Contra Costa County Zoning Administrator May 6, 2019

10.4 – The California Accidental Release Prevention Program (CalARP) Learn What Local Companies Are Doing to Prevent Accidents

10.5 – How to Prepare Your Home For Wildfires

10.6 – American Red Cross, Sound the Alarm: Save a Life May 4th, 2019 Parchester Village Richmond

ESMAC Subcommittees

ESMAC Land Use

11.1 ESMAC Safety

11.2 ESMAC Education Programs/ Outreach

Announcements:

Agenda Items / Speakers for Upcoming ESMAC Meetings:

Adjournment:

El Sobrante Municipal Advisory Council

Present: Xina Ash, Tom Lang, Tom Owens, Andrew Chahrour, Robin Tanner, Dr. Melinda McLain. Joe Sarapochillo

Excused Absence: Jim Hermann

Absent:

Draft Minutes for Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Pledge of Allegiance: Melinda McLain

Call to Order/Welcome/Roll Call 7:04p

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for ESMAC 2-13-2019; **Motion to accept as presented** (Tom Owens, seconded, passed, 4-0-3)- **Aye:** Xina Ash, Tom Lang, Tom Owens, Andrew Chahrour; **Abstained:** Robin Tanner, Dr. Melinda McLain. Joe Sarapochillo

Treasurer's Report –\$4,132.00

Introduction of Speakers/Guests/Topics

P.1 Presentation by Sheriff's Office, Bay Station Commander, Lt. Joseph Buford: crime stats fairly typical.

P.2 Presentation by California Highway Patrol: Officer Wilkenfeld: 13 collisions most near 80 and on San Pablo Dam Road, parking problems, speeding, potential RV'S from Berkeley, side shows

P.3 Presentation by Contra Costa County Fire: Captain Atlas: CERT training, fire abatement

P.4 Presentation by Kathy Woofert, CCCFPD, Fire Prevention Technician: Firewise, CCERT Training

P.5 Presentation by James Lyons, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia,

Public Comment –

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DI.1 – Development plan applications, variance reports, building modification requests, appeals etc., received in the previous month from the Contra Costa County Conservation and Development Department and Notices of Public Hearings. (No applications were received this month)

DI.2 – Presentation County Librarian Melinda Cervantes on Library Remodel and discussion on policy for use of Library Community Room during after-hours:
Motion (Tom Owens, seconded, passed 7-0-0): Chair to write letter to County Librarian Melinda Cervantes and Supervisor John Gioia encouraging them to investigate and make changes so that the community room will be open for reservation during hours that the library is not open (in regard to bathroom access during such times). - Aye: Xina Ash, Tom Lang, Tom Owens, Andrew Chahrour, Robin Tanner, Dr. Melinda McLain. Joe Sarapochillo

DI.3 – Discussion led by resident Mikki Norris regarding illegal dumping: Tabled till next month due to length of discussion on DI.2

Short Discussion Items

SDI.1 – Report from El Sobrante Valley Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee:

SDI.2 – VR19-1004 **Motion (Andrew Chahrour, seconded, passed 7-0-0): Chair to write letter to County Planner requesting deadline extention Aye: Xina Ash, Tom Lang, Tom Owens, Andrew Chahrour, Robin Tanner, Dr. Melinda McLain. Joe Sarapochillo**

Subcommittee Reports

11.1 ESMAC Land Use

11.2 ESMAC Safety

11.3 ESMAC Education Programs/ Outreach

Public Comment–

Announcements: ESMAC 1 alternate position, Ylan Hunt resigned her position and Dr. Melinda McLain to assume her position.

DI.3 – Discussion led by resident Mikki Norris regarding illegal dumping moved to May meeting

Adjournment: 9:42p **Motion to adjourn (Tom Owens, seconded, passed, 7-0-0)- Aye: Xina Ash, Tom Lang, Tom Owens, Andrew Chahrour, Robin Tanner, Dr. Melinda McLain. Joe Sarapochillo**

Submitted by Secretary Owens

Notes from Neighborhood Strategy Meeting on Illegal Dumping, Feb. 2, 2019
Prepared by Mikki Norris and Chris Conrad, 510-275-9311

El Sobrante residents do not want to push the dumpers to the next community, we want to address the underlying problems.

Report illegal dumping. It's important to quickly report illegal dumping to Contra Costa Public Works, Lynn Clark, 925-313-7000, Lynn.Clark@pw.cccounty.us. Give address if possible, nearest cross-streets, description of items. You can also take photos and email them. If there is a public works camera that is monitoring activity, contact Cece Sellgren in our Watershed Division at Public Works. Her phone number is 925-313-2296.

Costs. A major concern is the problem of the dump fees being too high. People are not going to the dump because of the high costs. The fees need to be lowered. In areas like Napa Co, which has a city-run dump rather than private monopoly (Republic Services), the fees are much lower. Our area charges much higher fees than other Bay Area cities.

Residential pickups. Residents are allowed free large pick up days with Republic Services that many are unaware of or do not use. Publicize this better. If there is a way residents could donate / designate their unused pick ups to pick up street piles or others who need it, that could help. Some kind of trackable platform, list, app, etc. might work to coordinate this.

Mover discounts. Set up a special, low one-time dump rate for people who are moving, which seems to be a common source of street piles. Renters, especially, could use this. Dumps can require some proof of relocation from a landlord or showing to where they are relocating.

Resident accountability. Find a way for the people who hire haulers to verify or track that they empty their loads at a dump. Ask them where they plan to dispose of the haul. Pay them after seeing the receipt. Design a web site or app to pay things online to prove that they paid for the service. Something like Oakland's Green Halo program, but for residents as well as for contractors.

Service allocation. How is the county allocating money to fight illegal dumping – is it true that the budget only allocated \$300,000 for a cleanup contract? If so, that needs to be increased. More free dumpster drop off days, not just once a year. Four times a year would be better where people can drop off things without having to hang on to them all year. Designate categories of products, like appliances, mattresses, construction debris, etc., to facilitate recycling.

Volunteer cleanup. A few people (with trucks and bins) are willing to volunteer to pick up some illegal dumps with their own vehicles if they can have dump fees waived. Others can help with litter pick up. John Oster (a neighborhood volunteer who picks up illegal dumps) already does this and we want to promote his GoFundMe page to be more visible and help defray his costs.

Neighborhood dumpsters. Marcelo Mauri of Mauri All Debris (or M.A.D.) has offered to make some debris boxes (large dumpster containers) available to residents at his business in Richmond and to bring them to the dump if the dump fees would be covered. Have designated containers around town with a minimal charge (like \$5) to open the container and drop off mattresses or sofas, or other large items or bags. That could offset costs. We could designate drop off times and have a volunteer staff it.

Cheaper and easier recycling. Our local recycling station is poorly located, limited and hard to find. Can it be part of the transfer station?

Police presence. We need a resident sheriff or officer in the area to report problems to. There is one in Crockett with a very quick response to problems, which has mitigated problems there. If we had a resident sheriff, that person could stay on top of problems like this.

Signage: Put up more signs like "\$1,000 fine for illegal dumping" and "Call 510-####-#### to report illegal dumping" and make them more visible. That way people can act on violations right when they see them happen. Post signs listing addresses and/or web site for legal dump sites. After the last major dump on La Honda Rd, we put up Warning signs along the fence that the area is under surveillance that we got at Home Depot. There is actually a Public Works camera there but it doesn't seem like anyone is monitoring that. Since we put up the signs, the dumping has slowed down.

Public education. Targeted campaign including billboards, newsletters mentions, media promos, email, town hall events, etc. People need to know about big item pickup days, how to be sure your hauler/disposer is legitimate (contractor license, insurance), where regional garbage dumps are located, how much they charge per item or load, if there are separate places to bring different types of things, like places that specialize in taking old carpets, refrigerators, concrete, electronic, hazardous, mattresses, etc. *** Republic Services now allows residents to drop off three mattresses or box springs at their resource recovery center located at 101 Pittsburgh Ave., Richmond, Wednesday through Saturday.

about littering and illegal dumping to let them know it is wrong and create consciousness. Can we incorporate this into their school curriculum?

Public meetings. Hold a local Town Hall with Sup. John Gioia to raise awareness and discuss the problems and come up with solutions, like toughening penalties for ordinance violations, rewards for prosecutable tips, spending priorities, etc.

Market competition. Republic Services has a contractual monopoly on El Sobrante trash and dump services. Without competition, they set whatever prices they want. Alameda Co. has multiple businesses so their prices are more reasonable. Creating more competition, we may have greater options and lower prices.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019
30 MUIR ROAD
MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA 94553

CHAIR: Duane Steele
VICE-CHAIR: Rand Swenson
COMMISSIONERS: Richard Clark, Jeffrey Wright, Donna Allen, Kevin Van Buskirk, Bhupen Amin

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**** 7:00 P.M.****

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
2. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT: PUBLIC HEARING
- 2a. HAMID TAEB – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (Applicant & Owner), County File #GP13-0001: The applicant proposes to amend the General Plan designation of an existing 2.42-acre parcel from Single-Family Residential Medium Density (SM) to Multiple-Family Residential Medium Density (MM). The subject property is located at 589 Pacifica Avenue in the Bay Point area. CEQA: The County Planning Commission will consider the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and related findings for this project. (Zoning: Single-Family Residential (R-10) & General Agricultural (A-2); APN: 098-210-001) DB Staff Report
3. REZONING: PUBLIC HEARING
- 3a. HAMID TAEB – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (Applicant & Owner); County File #RZ13-3223: The applicant proposes to rezone the subject property from Single-Family Residential (R-10) and General Agricultural (A-2) to Planned Unit District (P-1), with a variance to allow the rezoning of a 2.42-acre property to P-1 (where five acres is the minimum). The subject property is located at 589 Pacifica Avenue in the Bay Point area. CEQA: The County Planning Commission will consider the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and related findings for this project. (Zoning: Single-Family Residential (R-10) & General Agricultural (A-2); APN: 098-210-001) DB Staff Report
4. SUBDIVISION: PUBLIC HEARING
- 4a. HAMID TAEB – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (Applicant & Owner); County File #SD13-9340: The applicant proposes to subdivide the subject 2.42-acre property into 29 new residential parcels and six common space parcels, requests for exceptions to Title 9 of the County Ordinance related to pavement across intersections, minimum length of vertical curves, sight obstructions at intersections, collect and convey, and discharge to roadside ditches. The subject property is located at 589 Pacifica Avenue in the Bay Point area. CEQA: The County Planning Commission will consider the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and related findings for this project. (Zoning: Single-Family Residential (R-10) & General Agricultural (A-2); APN: 098-210-001) DB Staff Report

5. DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PUBLIC HEARING
- 5a.. HAMID TAEB – HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (Applicant & Owner); County File #DP13-3027: The applicant proposes to construct new townhome units on each new 29 residential parcel with associated site improvements for the entire development, a request for a tree permit to remove 13 code-protected trees ranging in size from 10 to 48 inches in diameter. The subject property is located at 589 Pacifica Avenue in the Bay Point area. CEQA: The County Planning Commission will consider the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and related findings for this project. (Zoning: Single-Family Residential (R-10) and General Agricultural (A-2); APN: 098-210-001) DB Staff Report
6. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT: PUBLIC HEARING
- 6a. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY (Applicant)-County File #ZT19-0003: A County initiated zoning text amendment to include the Blackhawk and Bollinger Canyon areas into the list of communities and geographic areas of the cannabis exclusion (-CE) combining district (Chapter 84-86) RLH Staff Report
7. REZONING: PUBLIC HEARING
- 7a. COUNTY FILE #RZ19-3248: A County initiated proposal to rezone several properties in various parts of the County into the Cannabis Exclusion Combining District (-CE). The properties to be rezoned are described as follows; two vacant parcels located on the north and south side of the eastern terminus of Sandy Lane in Bethel Island; a vacant 9.9-acre parcel (5900 Bethel Island Road) located on the east side of Bethel Island Road between Sandmound Boulevard and Wells Road; all eight parcels within the Saranap Village Mixed-Use Project area in Saranap; Oak Tree Plaza in Alamo (3000 Danville Blvd); a parking lot located at 1328 Treat Boulevard in the Contra Costa Centre area; 18120 Bollinger Canyon Road; East Bay Regional Park District Properties located at 18160 and 18114 Bollinger Canyon Road, 9 Holly Court and an adjacent District property; Blackhawk Plaza; and the Blackhawk Executive Center property. The rezoning of the properties listed above would prohibit the establishment of any commercial cannabis activities on any portion of the properties including the retail sale of cannabis, cannabis delivery, commercial cannabis cultivation, and cannabis manufacturing, testing and distribution. RLH Staff Report
8. HERITAGE TREE: PUBLIC HEARING
- 8a. CRAIG FRIEDERS (Applicant & Owner), County File #HT18-0001: This is a request to nominate one Valley Oak tree, measuring approximately 175 inches in circumference, pursuant to the Heritage Tree Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 816-4). The subject property is located at 2031 Doris Avenue in the Walnut Creek area. (Zoning: Single-Family Residential (R-20); APN: 183-231-009) RLH Staff Report
9. STAFF REPORT:
- 10.. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:
- 11.. COMMUNICATIONS:

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019

30 MUIR ROAD

MARTINEZ, CA 94553

1:30 P.M.

NOTICE: The Zoning Administrator may alter the order of agenda items at the meeting.

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1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2. MINOR SUBDIVISION: CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

2a. RONALD NUNN (Applicant and Owner), County File # MS18-0011: The applicant requests approval of a Tentative Parcel Map for the proposed Orchard & Vine Four-Lot Minor Subdivision, a minor subdivision application to subdivide a 586.43-acre legal lot in agricultural production into four parcels, including a 40.6-acre Parcel A, a 357.98-acre Parcel B, a 74.15-acre Parcel C, and a 113.7-acre Parcel D. Parcel A, includes the nine-acre site of the Orchard & Vine winery and farm market facility that was approved under Land Use Permit LP16-2047. The applicant is also requesting authorization of exceptions to the requirements of County Code Sections, 96-12.406 (Private Road Turnaround), 98-4.002 (Minimum Width of Pavement and Right of Way), and 914-2.002 (Onsite Collect and Convey). Except for future development of the Orchard & Vine facility, no other development is proposed and the subdivision parcels will remain in agricultural production. CEQA: The Zoning Administrator will consider the adoption of a Negative Declaration and related findings for this project. The property is located at 550 Walnut Boulevard in the Byron area in unincorporated Contra Costa County. (Zoning: A-4, Agricultural Preserve District) (Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 003-010-017, 003-010-020, 007-140-006, 007-150-017, 007-150-018) (Continued from 04/01/19) SM Staff Report

2b. TODD VITZTHUM (Applicant & Owner), County File #MS18-0006: The applicant is requesting approval of a vesting tentative map for a minor subdivision which proposes to subdivide a 1.14-acre site into one parcel and a remainder parcel (Parcel A: 20,009 square feet; Remainder: 29,625 square feet). The project is located at 1954 Alameda Diablo in the Diablo area of Unincorporated Contra Costa County. (Zoning: R-20 Single-Family Residential District) (Parcel Number: 195-260-004) JL Staff Report

3. LAND USE PERMIT: PUBLIC HEARING

3a. TED HEATHORN (Applicant) - NEW LIFE CHURCH (Owner), County File #LP12-2008: The applicant requests approval to amend County File #LP82-2082 to allow a total of approximately 9,683 square feet of additions to the existing church building. The project will be conducted in two phases. The first phase involves approximately 2,335 square feet of additions, which includes the following: volunteer central (1,620 square feet), restroom addition (211 square feet), and lobby addition (504 square feet), and a lot line adjustment to merge two tax parcels (Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 188-330-001 and 029). The second phase involves an addition of 7,348 square feet on the northern portion of the existing building for the purposes of providing Children's Ministry classrooms, demolition of the existing residential and accessory buildings and construction of a new residential building for a caretaker of the church located on the northern area of the church. The residence will be two-stories and approximately 2,400 square feet. Overall, the project will provide additional parking spaces of approximately 64 spaces for a total of 312 spaces. Installation of four new parking lot lights, removal of 23 trees and work within the drip line of 41 trees, future construction of two monument signs, and a request for an exception to frontage improvements along Danville Boulevard are all included in the project. The subject site is located at 2451 & 2501 Danville Blvd. in the Alamo area of the County. CEQA: The Zoning Administrator will consider the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and related findings for this project. (Zoning: Single-Family Residential District, R-20) (APNs: 188-330-001 and 188-330-029) JRC Staff Report

4. DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PUBLIC HEARING

- 4a. ALAN FLEMING (Applicant) - CURTIS SMITH AND SUSAN THRELKELD (Owners), County File #DP18-3027: The applicant is requesting approval of a Development Plan permit to modify the Final Development Plan approved under County File #DP82-3056, allowing the construction of a three-story 4,675-square-foot mixed-use building, with one 3,873-square-foot residential unit and one 802-square-foot commercial unit on an undeveloped property. The project includes a variance to allow a reduced 7-foot 2-inch Highway Setback (where 10 feet is the minimum) for construction of the building. An exception to Title 9 of the County Code to allow diversion of stormwater to a curb and gutter drainage system (where discharge off-site to an adequate storm drainage system is required) is also included. The subject property is located at 401 Colusa Avenue in the Kensington area of Unincorporated Contra Costa County. (Zoning: P-1 Planned Unit District) (Parcel Number: 571-311-001) JL Staff Report

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NOTICE OF CANCELLATION/CONTINUANCE

COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION CONTRA COSTA COUNTY WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019 30 MUIR ROAD, MARTINEZ, CA 94553

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**** 7:00 P.M. ****

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
2. BOARD OF APPEALS: CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

CONTINUED TO MAY
22, 2019

- 2a. AMY MAJORS AND TIM NYKOLUK (Appellants) - GREGORY BRAVERMAN (Applicant) - NATIONAL WALNUT CREEK, LLC (Owner), County File #LP18-2020: This is an appeal of the Zoning Administrator's approval to modify County File #LP01-2045 to allow the conversion of an existing elderly care facility to a residential ambulatory care facility for twelve (12) adults with no proposed improvements to the existing facility. The subject property is located at 2181 Tice Valley Boulevard in the Walnut Creek area of Unincorporated Contra Costa County (Zoning: Single-Family Residential, R-20) (Assessor's Parcel Number: 188-040-001) (Continued from 04/10/19) MH
- 3.. STAFF REPORT:
4. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:
- 5.. COMMUNICATIONS:

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Your Opportunity to Learn What Local Companies Are Doing to Prevent Accidents

The California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program, Contra Costa County's Industrial Safety Ordinance (ISO) and the City of Richmond's Industrial Safety Ordinance (RISO) require companies with regulated chemicals to submit a Risk Management Plan (RMP) and Safety Plan (SP). Plans include:

- A description of the hazardous materials present,
- The accident prevention programs in place,
- The facility's emergency response program, and
- The management systems in place to implement the overall program.

The CalARP Program requires the Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHSHMP) to perform document reviews and audits to ensure companies are in compliance with the CalARP/ISO/RISO regulations and are following the programs listed in their RMPs and SPs. A forty-five day public comment period for the Preliminary Audit Findings and RMPs listed below begins on **April 19, 2019** and will end on **June 3, 2019**. These documents and other CalARP/ISO/RISO documents for regulated facilities may be reviewed at the CCHSHMP Office located at 4585 Pacheco Blvd., Suite 100 in Martinez. Please call (925) 335-3200 to schedule an appointment. They are also available for review at the libraries listed below.

PG&E - Risk Management Plan	Antioch Library
EBMUD Water Treatment Plants - Preliminary Audit Findings	Walnut Creek, Orinda, Lafayette, & Sobrante Libraries
MECS - Risk Management Plan	Martinez Library
Matheson - Preliminary Audit Findings	Martinez Library
Pittsburg Water Treatment Plant - Preliminary Audit Findings	Pittsburg Library
USS POSCO - Preliminary Audit Findings & Risk Management Plan	Pittsburg Library
Safeway Beverage Plant-Preliminary Audit Findings	Main Richmond and Bayview Libraries
Air Gas - Risk Management Plan	Main Richmond and West Side Libraries
Chemtrade Richmond - Preliminary Audit Findings, Risk Management Plan, and Safety Plan	Main Richmond and West Side Libraries
Chevron Refinery - Preliminary Audit Findings and Safety Plan	Main Richmond and West Side Libraries
Linde - Preliminary Audit Findings	Main Richmond and West Side Libraries

CCHSHMP will be present at the event listed below to answer questions about our work and programs:

- **John Muir Earth Day Birthday Celebration**, John Muir National Historic Site 4202 Alhambra Ave. Martinez, CA on: **April 20, 2019 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Under the ISO/RISO, CCHSHMP is required to meet with the public on Safety Plans and Safety Audits associated with facilities regulated under ISO requirements. CCHSHMP will have a booth at the event listed below, for the review of the preliminary audit findings, Risk Management Plans and Safety Plans for **Chevron Refinery & Chemtrade Richmond**:

- **Cinco De Mayo**, 23rd St. between Clinton and Rheem Ave. Richmond, CA on: **May 5, 2019 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

Your written comments postmarked no later than June 3, 2019, should be sent via email to (hazmat.arpteam@cchealth.org) or to the following address:

Contra Costa Health Services
Hazardous Materials Programs
c/o Randy Sawyer
4585 Pacheco Blvd., Suite 100
Martinez, CA 94553



CCHMP will respond to all written comments. CCHMP will hold public meetings to discuss Preliminary Audit Findings if there is sufficient public interest. CCHMP will incorporate all written comments into the Safety Plan reviews or Final Audit Findings as appropriate.

Dear Concerned Citizen:

You are receiving this information because you have requested to be included on Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Programs' interested party database.

If you want to change how you receive this information, want to add someone to our list of concerned citizens, or want to remove your information from our list, please send us an email at: hazmat.arpteam@cchealth.org, or fax us at 925-646-2073 and include the following:

****If you want to make a change you must tell us how we contacted you so we can change it.**

****How did we contact you?**

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If you have additional questions or concerns, please email us at the address above, or contact the Hazardous Materials Office at 925-335-3200 and ask for a CalARP Engineer.

Thank you for your continued interest.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRES



WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION STEPS THAT CAN MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER DURING A WILDFIRE

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

1. HOME IGNITION ZONES

Limiting the amount of flammable vegetation, choosing fire-resistant building materials and construction techniques, along with periodic exterior maintenance in the three home ignition zones - increases the chances your home will survive a wildfire when exposed to embers and/or a surface fire. The zones include the **Immediate Zone**: 0 to 5 feet around the house; **Intermediate Zone**: 5 to 30 feet; and the **Extended Zone**: 30 to 100 feet.

2. LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE

To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch and deck and prune branches of large trees up to (depending on their height) 6 to 10 feet from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils and waxes and ensure mulches in the **Immediate Zone** (0 to 5 feet around the house) are non-combustible options like crushed stone and gravel. Maintain vegetation annually.

FIRE RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION

3. ROOFING AND VENTS

Class A fire-rated roofing products offer the best protection. Examples include: Composite shingles, metal, concrete and clay tiles. Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration. Box-in eaves, but provide ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.

4. DECKS AND PORCHES

Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks/porches and between deck board joints.

5. SIDING AND WINDOWS

Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fiber-cement, plaster or stucco and dual-pane tempered glass windows.

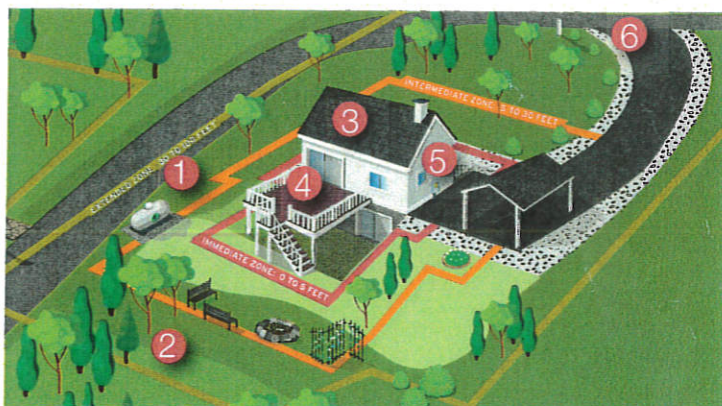
6. EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACCESS

Ensure your home and neighborhood has legible and clearly marked street names and numbers. Driveways should be at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet, for emergency vehicle access.

BE PREPARED

Develop, discuss and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for pets, large animals and livestock. Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a pre-designated meeting place. Always evacuate if you feel it's unsafe to stay - don't wait to receive an emergency notification if you feel threatened from the fire.

Conduct an annual insurance policy check-up to adjust for local building costs, codes and new renovations. Create/update a home inventory to help settle claims faster.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Store firewood away from the home
- Mow the lawn regularly
- Prune low-hanging tree branches
- Landscape with fire-resistant plants
- Create small fuel breaks with hardscaping features

TALK TO YOUR LOCAL FORESTRY AGENCY OR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPECIFIC WILDFIRE RISK WHERE YOU LIVE.



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